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1. The following unit locations were reported:
 - a. The 29 Infantry Regiment was at Voden (N4205 E2653);
 - b. The 1 Engineer Regiment and the 1 Armored Division were at Sofia;
 - c. The 10 Cavalry Regiment [redacted] was at Silistra; 50X1-HUM
 - d. The 9 Infantry Regiment, the 23 Infantry Regiment of Khaskovo, and the 12 Artillery Regiment were at Shiroko Pol (N4330 E2255);
 - e. The 10 Division was at Kurdzhali;
 - f. An artillery unit [redacted] of 4 Division, and an infantry unit [redacted] were in Pleven about the end of August 1951; and 50X1-HUM
 - g. The 24 Infantry Regiment and a tank destroyer unit were in Chial Baba (sic).
2. An unidentified tank battalion had its headquarters near the trudovak barracks in Pleven. The tanks were of the 30-40 ton size. The battalion also had 10 Katyushas. 50X1-HUM
3. Near the headquarters of the tank battalion were the headquarters of an unidentified engineer regiment and a detachment of a signal regiment [redacted]. The commanding officer of the signal regiment was Captain [redacted]. 50X1-HUM

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4. One hundred and fifty tanks of 3 Armored Division were transferred to Smvey (sic) from Shumen. The rest of the division went to Dobruzha (sic)¹.
5. About the beginning of October 1951, a tank destroyer unit, which had 20 to 30 guns and Soviet mortars, 10 tanks, and an infantry unit of 2,500 men, arrived in Lom.
6. The 3 Antiaircraft Regiment, which had 6 large and 10 small antiaircraft guns moved in the direction of Tvatzak (sic).
7. The 2 Division is composed of 24 and 32 Regiments and an artillery unit.
8. On 13 September 1951 an infantry regiment, transported by vehicle, arrived at Aytos (N4242 E2715). On 20 September the regiment departed for an unknown destination.
9. On 15 August 1951, 12 Soviet tanks passed through Tutrakan. On 15 September the tanks were seen at Lom.
10. At midnight 17 September 1951, two railroad cars full of Soviet civilians and 18 empty railroad cars arrived at Ruse.
11. On 12 September 1951, 60 tanks, mostly of German manufacture, arrived in an area between Dobrudzha (sic)¹ and Balchik.
12. At Dobrudzha an airfield three kilometers long and three kilometers wide with 18 runways was being constructed. Instead of hangars, an underground area with an entrance 100 meters wide was being constructed. Approximately 1,600 trudovaks in the Oblast were employed on the project. The commanding officer of the trudovaks was Major Solev; the political commissar was Lieutenant Ljubomir Vosmov.
13. In Dobrudzha there was a commission of 17 Soviet officers (1 colonel, six majors, and ten captains) who supervised the exchange of supplies between Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.
14. About 35 percent of the trudovaks of the class of 1928 were recently transferred to infantry units.
15. The 2 Trudovak Brigade had its headquarters in Pleven. The following were members of its staff:

- a. Commander: Major Khristo Kupnev;
- b. Deputy Commander: Major Cyril Todorov;
- c. Political Commissar: Major Andreiv [redacted]
- d. Chief of Bureau B: Major Raev [redacted]
- e. Aide-de-camp: Lieutenant Ktortsio Stanoev [redacted]
- f. Supply Officer: Lieutenant Penchev;

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g. Equipment Officer: Warrant Officer Silio Lakav [redacted]

h. Chief of Rear Command Company: Captain Metsovilov.

16. A building in Pleven, formerly used as a sugar storehouse, was used as a supply depot by the brigade. The following material was kept in the depot: 1,500 manlicher 8.98 mm rifles of Soviet origin, Maksim machine guns, and cartridges.

17. A trudovak unit, probably a company [redacted] was 50X1-HUM stationed at Pleven. The company commander was Lieutenant Venelin Patenev Popov, and the deputy commander was Boris Todorov.

18. Trudovak detachments were located as follows: 50X1-HUM

a. The headquarters of a trudovak unit [redacted] was at Svishtov; the commander of the unit was Lieutenant Natkov [redacted] who had 250 to 280 trudovaks under his command;

b. A trudovak unit [redacted] was at Pavlikeni (N4314 E2518); the unit, commanded by Lieutenant Cheftan Vulov, consisted of 200 trudovaks who were working on the Ruse-Pleven-Sofia road;

c. There were 400 trudovaks belonging to a unit [redacted] at Vandovo (sic); the unit, commanded by Lieutenant Garanov, was subordinated to a unit [redacted] which had its headquarters in Ruse; and 50X1-HUM

d. There were 600 to 650 trudovaks, assigned to a unit [redacted] working at Brushlyan (N4204 E2725); the unit was commanded by Lieutenant Todor Borisov. 50X1-HUM

1. [redacted] Comment: Possibly Dobrich is meant.

2. [redacted] Comment: Possibly a reference to the Maksim-Sokolov machine gun.

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